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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES: PROGRAMME AND BUDGET: PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Programme of work for the Conference of the Parties

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole on the basis of informal consultations

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22 of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 9/COP.1 on its work programme, 10/COP.1 on review of the implementation of the Convention and 11/COP.1 on procedures for the communication of information and review of implementation,

1. Decides to include the following selected items in the agenda of its third session and, if necessary, its fourth session:

(a) Review of reports on implementation of affected African country Parties, including on the participatory process and on experiences gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes;

(b) Consideration of progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in Africa;

(c) Review of reports by developed country Parties on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention;

(d) Review of information provided by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes under the Convention;

(e) Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant Conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies;

(f) Consideration of procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation, in accordance with article 27 of the Convention with a view to deciding how to take this matter forward;

(g) Consideration of annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures, in accordance with article 28, paragraphs 2 (a) and 6, of the Convention;

(h) Consideration of some specific conclusions and recommendations made by the Committee on Science and Technology relating to affected country Parties' experiences and constraints in the implementation of action programmes;

2. Decides also to include the following selected items in the agenda of its fourth session and, if necessary, its fifth session:

(a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties, in particular of regions other than Africa, including on the participatory process, and on experiences gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes;

(b) Review of the report on progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in regions other than Africa;

3. Requests the secretariat of the Convention to circulate in all official languages at least three months prior to the third session of the Conference of the Parties a provisional annotated agenda, and appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

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